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Everyone's Help Is Needed

(An Editorial)

The medical care situation in Coke County has reached a tragic low. Something must be done to remedy the situation in both Robert Lee and Bronte. Both towns have fine facilities to take care of people in their areas, but the lack of attraction for doctors has made the whole investment of many thousands of dollars a farce and left the entire county and area without adequate medical care.

The West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee remains open with a few hours' visit each week from Air Force Base doctors, but the Bronte Hospital is now completely closed since the death of Dr. John R. Harris and the subsequent retirement of Dr. Robert Baldwin.

One might say that both towns are without medical care facilities. The Robert Lee hospital has struggled along since the death of Dr. John McDaniel, and, with the help of tax money, has been able to stay open. However, the Bronte Hospital, which has always been privately owned, didn't have this tax money cushion on which to ride over a long period of time. The Harris heirs told this newspaper that they lost over \$12,000 in two months after their father died.

Several organizations have expressed an interest in providing medical care for the residents of Coke County, but they want to take over the operation of both hospitals, in Bronte and Robert Lee.

It seems to us that it is time right now to consider seriously a cooperative program for the two Coke County hospitals. It's time we got together to pursue a setup whereby medical care could be provided for both communities.

There is also the matter of the nursing homes in each of the county's two towns. Both of them are assets to the cities and provide a humane and needed service to our communities. But, they, too, have to have the services of a doctor. Their services, alone, should provide enough incentive for all of us to get our heads together and work out a solution to this problem.

Robert Vernor, administrator of the West Coke County Hospital District, pointed out that there could be some problems in leasing the West Coke County Hospital and Nursing Home to an outside firm, since part of its financing came through Hill-Burton funds, but he seemed to think this problem could be solved with a coordinated effort of all the people in the county.

Of course the Bronte Hospital is owned exclusively by the heirs of Dr. Harris and they can do with it as they wish. However, they have expressed a desire to make an extremely large financial sacrifice just to see the hospital reopened and medical care restored to residents of the Bronte area.

This newspaper feels that the present day situation is extremely tragic and dangerous, and would like to urge all the citizens of Coke County and the surrounding area, particularly the boards of directors of the two hospital districts, to get together and try to work out a solution to this problem, which is really all our own.

It may cost some tax money, but it costs money to get good medical care anywhere. And, it's so much more convenient to have it right at home.

New OES Officers Are Installed Here

Installation of new officers for the Bronte Chapter 1048, Order of the Eastern Star were held at the Ma-

sonic Lodge Hall Monday night, June 14.

SPECIAL JULY 4 DATE ON SAVINGS BONDS

First National Bank of Bronte will, on request, issue Bicentennial design Series E Savings Bonds dated July 4 to over the counter customers between July 1 and July 31. This special commemoration of our nation's 200th birthday will have no effect on the terms and conditions effective on the bonds.

In announcing his special opportunity, Mickey Pierce, executive vice president of the bank, said, "We are extremely pleased to be able to offer everyone in this area a chance to make the purchase of Savings Bonds a truly Bicentennial event. Those bonds bearing the July 4 date will make perfect souvenirs of our birthday celebration that everyone will want to have and keep for many years to come."

Denominations of the Bicentennial design Series E Savings Bonds range from \$25 to \$1,000, with purchase prices of \$18.75 to \$750.

Mrs. Ettie Hubbard is the new Worthy Matron and Noah Pruitt Jr., the new Worthy Patron. Other officers installed were Mrs. Peggy Glascock, Associate Matron; Clifford Clark, Associate Patron; Mrs. Willie B. Millikin, Secretary; Mrs. Louvenia Rees, Treasurer; Mrs. Dian Coulter, Conductress; Mrs. Margaret Martin, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Mable Clark, Chaplain; Mrs. Ivey Spiller, Marshal; Mrs. Olive Keeney, Organist.

Also, Mrs. Golden Anderson, Adah; Mrs. Jennie Brake, Ruth; Mrs. Anna Ailey, Esther; Mrs. Dorothy Collins, Martha; Mrs. Dorothy Heaner, Electa; Mrs. Dorothy Pruitt, Warder; Grady Coulter, Sentinel.

Installing Officer was Mrs. Winnie Waldron of Robert Lee. Other installing officers were Miss Sheila Hubbard of Abilene, Marshal; Mrs. Anita Hamilton of Blackwell, Chaplain; Mrs. Elma Sweet of Blackwell, Organist; Mrs. Opal Jacoby of Robert Lee, Secretary; Mrs. Drexel Ragsdale, Warder; Charles Ragsdale, Sentinel.

4-H Horse Show Set for Saturday In Local Arena

The Coke County 4-H Club County Horse Show will be held Saturday, June 19, with approximately 30 club members competing for honors in six categories.

The show is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. in the Coke County Rodeo Association arena in Bronte, with the junior and senior halter classes. Judging this year's show will be Kermit Wendland, rancher and consultant of Miles, and Ross Appleton, Concho County Extension

SERVICES HELD FOR LLOYD MCCLESKEY

Services for Lloyd William McCleskey, 71, of Rt. 3, San Angelo and formerly of Bronte were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Sachtjen of Day Memorial Methodist Church and the Rev. Roy Wold of First United Methodist Church in Sterling City officiating.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Mr. McCleskey died in his home at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

He was born July 30, 1904, in Lingleville. He was married to Evla Norred Aug. 1, 1925, at Bronte and was a member of the Lake View United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of San Angelo; one daughter, Mrs. Peggy Eudy of Veribest; one brother, Dee McCleskey of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Robert Allen of Abilene; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Reuben Benton, Marvin Jarrat, Paul Rabb, Bailey Bitner, Charlie Roberts and Rudy Phillips.

RECREATION FOR AREA WOMEN TO BE HELD

Recreation for women of the area will be on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday night at the Bronte Swimming Pool.

Women of the area are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity. Melissa Lee will be the lifeguard.

Fees are \$5.00 for a season ticket or 35 cents per swim.

Those wishing to participate are asked to call Margaret Martin or appear Monday, June 21, at the pool.

BAND TO REHEARSE FOR JULY 3 PARADE

The Bronte Longhorn Band will have a rehearsal Thursday night, June 24. Director Lou's Thornton has announced.

The practice period will be in preparation for the Bicentennial parade set for July 3.

Thornton said all Longhorn Band members and anyone interested in playing in the parade should be present for the practice session.

DATES ANNOUNCED FOR COUNTY FAIR

The annual Coke County Fair has been set for Sept.-16, 19.

The event has grown and created more interest each year, and officials expect the 1976 edition to be the best ever.

Information about the fair will be published in this newspaper as plans are made, so readers are invited to watch for releases about the fair.

Agent of Eden. Announcer for the show will be Jackie Richards of Abilene.

The halter and showmanship classes will be judged, then the show will break until 8 p.m. The

Services Are Held For Mr. Phillips

Funeral services for Marvin M. Phillips were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Bronte Church of Christ. Bob Adams, minister, officiated. Burial was in the Wilmeth Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mr. Phillips was dead on arrival at West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee about 2:30 p.m. Sunday after a sudden illness.

He was born Aug. 13, 1901, in Rockdale and moved northeast of here in Runnels County in 1927. He was married to Gracie Bounds Nov. 27, 1923 in Rockdale. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Bronte Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Donald Phillips of Houston; a brother, Homer Phillips of Bronte; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill McKown, Lynn Phillips, C. E. Bruton, Ray Coalson, E. L. Champion, James Allen and Horace Taylor, all of Bronte, and Earl Smith of Abilene.

SWIMMING LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT

Beginning swimming lessons will be taught next week, June 21-25, at the local swimming pool. The classes will begin each morning at 10:30 and will be taught by Sherrie Coalson and Sherri Cooper. Cost of the lessons will be \$5.

Anyone interested in the classes are asked to contact Coalson or Cooper by next Monday morning.

MAVERICK FOLKS TO HAVE HOMECOMING

The special Bicentennial Homecoming for residents and ex-residents of the Maverick Community will be at the Bronte Community Center.

The activities will be on Saturday, June 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continued on Sunday, June 20.

President of the association is Kenneth Fletcher of Ballinger. Mrs. Fletcher is secretary, and Mrs. Barbara Lee Brock of Maverick is treasurer.

A catered meal will be served Sunday at noon. Those wanting meal tickets should inform Kenneth Fletcher, Route 1, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Visitors are welcome.

TENNYSON CHURCH SETS REVIVAL MEETING

A revival meeting is scheduled for June 18-27 at the Tennyson Baptist Church. Prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m., followed by evening services at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Delbert R. Smith of Carbon will be the evangelist and Bob Wilcox will be in charge of music. The Rev. Curtis Morton is pastor of the church.

A spokesman said that everyone in the area has a cordial invitation to attend these special services.

performance events—pole bending, barrel racing, Western pleasure and reining will start at 8 p.m. The club members will be divided into junior and senior divisions with all members 12 years of age and older being in the senior division. Ribbons will be awarded through 10 places and trophies awarded to all champions.

The ribbons and trophies will be presented by Mary Elaine Lackey and Shelley Cumbie, FFA Sweethearts of the Robert Lee and Bronte FFA Chapters.

General superintendent of the show will be Foy Askins, president of the Coke County Rodeo Association. Arena director will be Bob Gulley. They will be assisted in conducting the show by Gary York, Gayle Bolding, Eva Jo Lee, Sherri Millican, Jeanna Kay Lee, Eddie Sweeten, Jerry Parker, Wendell Lee, J. Lee Ensor, James Allen, Lendy Devoll, Bill Jackson, Bob Bolding, Joe McCutchen and Sterling Lindsey.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend the show, association officials said. No admission charge will be made.

Higginbotham Rites Held Here

Funeral services for Mrs. F. S. (Mattie Alice) Higginbotham, 84, were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. The pastor, the Rev. C. Earle Lewis, officiated and burial followed in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Newby Funeral Home.

Mrs. Higginbotham, a pioneer of this area, was born Aug. 5, 1891, in Ballinger and moved to Coke County in 1901. She had lived here for the past 75 years. She married F. S. Higginbotham April 11, 1908, in Bronte. Mr. Higginbotham, a ranchman and early day Coke County sheriff, died in 1965.

Mrs. Higginbotham was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Tommy Hames of Crosbyton, Della Fitzhugh of San Antonio, Gwyn Meyers of Houston, Mozelle Sayner of Albuquerque, N. M., Modelle Hamilton of Dallas and Betsy Hughes of Houston; two sisters, Modenia Ellis of Altus, Okla., and Della Blankenship of Fresno, Calif.; a brother, James Hutchinson of Altus, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were E. F. Glenn, R. T. Caperton, Noah Pruitt Jr., Dewey Lockett, C. E. Arrott, J. L. Bunson and Royce Fancher, all of Bronte, and James Weaver Scott of Maryneal.

MRS. LAGRONE DIES AT BROWNWOOD

Mrs. Bessie Bell La Grone died June 10 in a Brownwood hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. La Grone was born March 1, 1897. She and her husband formerly lived on a farm southwest of Bronte.

Among the survivors are a sister, Mrs. Ernest Seay of Bronte.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood with the Rev. Don Robertson officiating.

Burial was in the Grady Cemetery at Grady, N. M.

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MRS. MURTISHAW IS HONORED ON HER 84TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Grace Murtishaw celebrated her 84th birthday Sunday, June 13, in her home.

The children of Mrs. Murtishaw and her late husband, Claude Murtishaw, have celebrated her birthday every year for the past 30 years. She had a large birthday cake which was served to the guests.

Attending the birthday party were her children: Mrs. Mildred Wojtek

of Robert Lee, Mrs. W. D. Sparks Sr. of Colorado City, J. I. Murtishaw of Bronte and Mrs. C. F. Sharp of San Angelo.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Otho Long and Randy of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sparks Jr., Shelly and Torrey of San Angelo, Leslie Woullard of San Angelo, Mrs. H. C. Murtishaw of Bronte, Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw of Bronte and Julie Beyerlein of Indianapolis, Ind.

Two sons, H. C. Murtishaw of Bronte and Floyd Murtishaw of Las Vegas, Nev., were unable to attend.

LVNA'S HAVE MEET IN BROWNWOOD

"Emergency Medical Care" was the topic of a nursing workshop June 3-5 in Brownwood at the Riverside Motor Hotel, sponsored by the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas.

The workshop, co-sponsored by Heart-of-Texas EMT Association, was open to all nurses and nursing students.

Subjects to be covered by M.D.s of Brownwood, Abilene and Fort Worth included snake bites, near drowning and electrical shock, head, spinal and vascular injuries, chest, orthopedic, abdominal and urinary tract traumas, cardiopulmonary emergencies, and assessment and triage of the emergency patient.

June 4 speakers were Drs. Fred Spencer, Wesley S. Wise, Paul M. Wheelis, John C. O'Laughlin, R. V. Price and Rogers Coleman. June 5 emergency experts were F. Michael Schultz, Jack W. Chitwood and T. Ward Locklear, all physicians.

Principal social of the workshop was a barbecue and Bicentennial program Friday evening at Brown County Fair Barn. A luncheon Saturday noon concluded the workshop.

Those from Division 58 of LVNA who planned to attend were Marie Mills, president; Martha McAlister, first vice president; Christine Murtishaw, director; and Marlene Vaughn, education chairman and director.

WMU HAS MEETING

The WMU of First Baptist Church met June 15 for Bible study. Mrs. Clifford Barrett taught the lesson.

On Tuesday, June 22, the ladies will go to the Bronte Nursing Home to help the residents with mending.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Parker were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Parker, DeAnn and Michele of Kerrville.

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DR. QUISENBERRY WORKING ON NEW COTTON FOR WT

Dr. J. E. Quisenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Quisenberry of Robert Lee, is one of the scientists who is working on a new strain of cotton that hopefully will be adaptable to West Texas.

Dr. Quisenberry works at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock.

Dr. Quisenberry and his colleagues at the Lubbock station, are trying to develop a cotton plant with certain characteristics of Mexican cotton, which can withstand periods of drought. However, this type of Mexican cotton may grow to be 10 feet tall, and that's one of the problems of the experimenters. They don't want cotton 10 feet tall, but they would like to have some of the characteristics of this type cotton, mostly for its drought resistant abilities.

The scientists explain that if their goals are reached, cotton producers may not have to crank up their irrigation wells as soon when they enter a prolonged dry period during the growing season.

Quisenberry said most of the va-

rieties of Texas High Plains cotton were derived from varieties primarily bred for humid areas of the Southeast.

Characteristics useful for drought tolerance were probably, Quisenberry said, during this development period. But with these wild cotton varieties, it's a different story.

But with these wild cotton varieties, it's a different story, the scientists say, as their enzyme systems are able to adapt to conditions so that all phases of the plant's growth are carried out without interruption gives them their ability to withstand moisture stress.

The decline in the water table of the South Plains, which is one of the biggest cotton producing areas in the world, make development of a drought resistant plant a must and the scientists at the Lubbock Experiment Station are working on it.

CHERRY CAPTURES RECORD STRIPER AT LAKE SPENCE

Cecil Cherry of Odessa broke the record recently for a big striped bass from Lake Spence. Cherry caught a 23 pound striper, exceeding the record catch set April 17, 1975, by Bill Matthews of Andrews when he landed a 20 3/4 pounder.

A striper larger than the one caught by Matthews was taken at Lake Spence, weighing 22 1/2 pounds, but it was netted by biologists of the Texas Park and Wildlife Commission while making a fish census check of the lake last year.

Increasing numbers of yellow cat showed up in the fishing reports at Lake Spence this week, along with a good run of channel cat and crappie.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Luckett, Shane and Stormy of Amarillo recently visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Luckett, and other relatives in Bronte.

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